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Venezuela: Authorities are increasingly concerned over the security situation during Governor Rockefeller's mission.

This concern has led President Caldera to ask that Rockefeller stay at the Caracas military officers' club rather than at a hotel. Caldera's request reflects a general belief among government and security officials that subversives may try to harass the governor's party or that student unrest may erupt while he is in the country.

One of Venezuela's fragmented subversive organizations could mount a limited harassment campaign, but the more likely danger comes from student agitation which has spread and in some cases turned violent since March. The latest round, which began last week over issues of educational reform, shows no sign of abating and could be sustained until 2 June, when the Rockefeller mission arrives.

Some officials fear that as Rockefeller travels, student demonstrations in one country will encourage similar action in the next. The second trip begins in Bogota on 27 May, and Caracas is scheduled to be the sixth stop. There have been indications from Colombia, Ecuador, and Bolivia that there too students are planning to protest the visit.

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